# GRANT TOWNSHIP NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN AUDIT REPORT MARCH 31, 2005

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Yes 📝 N	0 1	. Certai	n component units/t	funds/agencies of th	ne local unit are excl	uded from th	e financial	statem	ents.
Yes No 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).									
Yes No 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended).									
Yes No 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.									
Yes No 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).									
✓ Yes  No 6. The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.									
The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned Pres No 7. pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).									
Yes No 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241).									
Yes 🔽 No	9.	The loc	cal unit has not adop	oted an investment p	policy as required by	P.A. 196 of	1997 (MCL	. 129.95	5).
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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Township Board Grant Township, Newaygo County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Grant Township, Newaygo County, Michigan, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2005, which collectively comprise Grant Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Grant Township, Newaygo County, Michigan. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Grant Township, Newaygo County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2005, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Grant Township has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – Management's Discussion and Analysis- for State and Local Governments*, as of March 31, 2005. Management has elected not to present the Management's Discussion and Analysis portion of the financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Grant Township, Newaygo County, Michigan basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Big Rapids, Michigan August 12, 2005

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		vernmental Activities
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	401,865
Tax Receivable	•	39,493
Due from Current Tax Fund		5,816
Capital Assets (Net)		219,131
Total assets	\$	666,305
LIABILITIES		
Payroll Tax Payable	· <b>\$</b>	
Due to Fire District	<b>.</b>	2,783
Deferred Revenue	·	4,235
Total liabilities		2,820
NET ASSETS		9,838
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		
Unrestricted		219,131
Total net assets		437,336
i otal net assets		656,467
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	666,305

The "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these statements.

Grant Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Government Wide Statement of Activities For the Year Ended March 31, 2005

Governmental Acitivites Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes	(118,999) (116,246) (245,795) (18,808) (7,996)	(507,844)
Re	<b>⇔</b>	 - ₩
Operating <u>Grants</u>		0
Program Revenues Charges for Services	17,532 \$ 9,126 0 0 0	26,658 \$
Expenses	136,531 \$ 125,372 245,795 18,808 7,996	534,502 \$
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	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT General Government Public Safety Public Works Other Functions Depreciation (unallocated)	Total primary government

General Revenues	
Tax	
State Grants	239,477
Interest Earnings	241,506
Other Revenue	5,621
Total general revenues	6,105
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Closed In INCL ASSELS	(15,135)
Net assets - Beginning of year	
	671,602
Net assets - End of year	\$ 656,467

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Grant Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Governmental Fund Balance Sheet March 31, 2005

		General <u>Fund</u>	Street Improvement <u>Fund</u>	Non-Major Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents Taxes Receivable Due from Current Tax Fund	<del>∽</del>	244,215 \$ 11,474 5,296	157,650 <b>\$</b> 23,893 411	4,126	401,865 39,493
l otal assets	<del>∽</del>	260,985 \$	181	4,235 \$	
LIABILITES AND FUND EQUITY Payroll Tax Payable Deferred Revenue Due to Ashland Grant Fire Disrtict	. <del>⇔</del>	2,783 \$ 2,820 0	\$ 0	0 \$	2,783
Fund Balance - Unreserved and Undesignated Total liabilities and fund equity	S	255,382 260,985 \$	181,954	4.235 \$	437,336

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Assets

Total Governmental Fund Balances Amounts reported for governmental activities in the	
Statement of net assets are different because:	
financial resources, and are not reported in the funds.	
Cost of capital assets, net of depreciation	

437,336

656,467

219,131

Net assets of governmental activities

The "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these statements.

Grant Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended March 31, 2005

REVENUES	General <u>Fund</u>	Street Improvement <u>Fund</u>	Non-Major Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Taxes State Grants Charges for Services Interest and Rents Other Revenue	\$ 66,132 \$ 241,506 26,658 5,482 6,105	147,903 \$ 0 0 139	25,442 \$ 0 0 0	239,477 241,506 26,658 5,621
EXPENDITURES	345,883	148,042	25,442	519,367
General Government Public Safety Public Works	149,019 99,930	0	0 25,442	149,019 125,372
Other Functions	0 18,808	245,795 0	0 0	245,795
total cyliciluites	267,757	245,795	25,442	538.994
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	78,126	(97,753)	0	(19.627)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfer from General Fund Transfer to Street Improvement Fund Total other financia.	0 (133,400)	133,400	0 0	133,400
commonity sources (uses)	(133,400)	133,400	0	004,601
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER LISES				
AND OTHER USES	(55,274)	35,647	0	(19,627)
Fund Balance - April 1, 2004	310,656	146,307	0	456,963
Fund Balance - March 31, 2005	\$ 255,382 \$	181,954 \$	\$ 0	437,336

The "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these statements.

Grant Township - Newa	vao County, Michigan
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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended March 31, 2005

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Government Funds	\$ (19,627)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the	
statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as	
expenditures; in the statement of activities, these	
costs are allocated over their estimated useful	
lives as depreciation. This is capital outlay for the year.	12,488
Depreciation expense	(7,996)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ (15,135)

The "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integrated part of these statements.

Grant Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Fiduciary Fund Statement of Net Assets March 31, 2005

	Agency Fund Type Property Tax Collection Fund
ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 33,280
LIABILITIES Due to General Fund Due to Street Improvement Fund Due to Other Units of Government	\$ 5,296 411 27,573 \$ 33,280

The "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integrated part of these statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Grant Township conform to accounting policies generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by Grant Township:

#### **Reporting Entity**

The Township is governed by an elected, five-member, Board. The accompanying financial statements present the government and its component units; entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. Based on the application of the criteria, the Township does not contain any component units.

#### Government - Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenue includes: (1a) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

District-Wide Statements - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Fund Based Statements - Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be "available" if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes – Grant Township's property tax is levied on each December 1<sup>st</sup> on the taxable valuation of property located within Grant Township as of the preceding December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Although the Grant Township 2004 ad valorem tax is levied and collectible on December 1, 2004, it is Grant Township's policy to recognize revenue from the current tax levy in the current year when the proceeds of this levy are budgeted and made "available" for the financing of operations.

The 2004 taxable valuation of Grant Township totaled approximately \$54,942,000, on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of .7792 mills for the Township operating purposes, an additional 2.6896 mills for roads, and .4628 mills for fire equipment. These amounts are recognized in the respective General and Special Revenue Funds financial statements as Due from Newaygo County and/or as a tax revenue.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Township, except those required to be accounted-for in another fund.

The Street Improvement Fund is used to record property tax and interest for expenditures for roads.

Additionally, the Township reports the following fund types:

The Township reports a Fiduciary Fund (Agency Fund). This fund accounts for taxes and special assessments collected by the Township as an agent for other taxing units. Fiduciary Fund net assets and results of operations are not included in the government-wide financial statements. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

The Township reports two non-major special revenue funds for a fire fund, and a fire equipment fund. As a general rule, the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

#### Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets or Equity

**Deposits and Investments** – Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value.

Receivables and Payables – In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds". Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "advances to/from other funds".

All trade and property tax receivables are shown as net of allowance for uncollectible amounts. Property taxes are levied on each December 1<sup>st</sup> and are considered delinquent on March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year, at which time interest and penalties are assessed.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment assets are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of the donation.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Building

40 years

**Building Improvements** 

15 to 30 years

Equipment

. 5 to 10 years

Computer Equipment

3 to 7 years

#### Grant Township - Newaygo County, Michigan Notes to Financial Statements - Continued For the Year Ended March 31, 2005

Fund Equity - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

#### NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information - Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental units. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

The budget document presents information by fund, function, activity and line items. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body is the activity level. State law requires the Township have its budget in place by April 1st. Expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted is a violation of Michigan Law. State law permits a township to amend its budgets during the year.

#### NOTE C – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the local governmental unit to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations, which have an office in Michigan. The Township is allowed to invest in bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligations; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The Township has designated two banks for the deposit of Township Funds. The investment policy adopted by the Township Board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in bank accounts and certificates of deposit, but not the remainder of State statutory authority as listed above.

The Township's deposits and investment policy are in accordance with statutory authority.

At year-end, the Township's deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

Governmental Activities

Cash and cash equivalents

\$ 401,865

The bank balance of the primary government's deposits is \$464,660, of which \$200,000 is covered by federal depository insurance.

#### NOTE D - RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of year-end for the government's individual major and non-major funds are as follows:

	Street							
Taxes receivable	\$	General 11,474	•	provement	No	n-Major	•	Total
	Ψ	11,7/7	Φ	23,893	•	4,126	35	39,493

#### Grant Township - Newaygo County, Michigan

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued For the Year Ended March 31, 2005

#### NOTE E - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the governmental activities for the current year was as follows:

	eginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets being depreciated Buildings Equipment	\$ 268,303 0	\$ 6,238 6,250	\$ 0	\$ 274,541 6,250
Less: accumulated depreciation for Capital assets	 (53,664)	 (7,996)	0	 (61,660)
Net capital assets	\$ 214,639	\$ 4,492	\$ 0	\$ 219,131

Depreciation expense was not charged to activities as the Township considers its assets to impact multiple activities and allocation is not practical.

#### **NOTE G - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased workers' compensation insurance for such claims. Settled claims relating to the workers' compensation insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

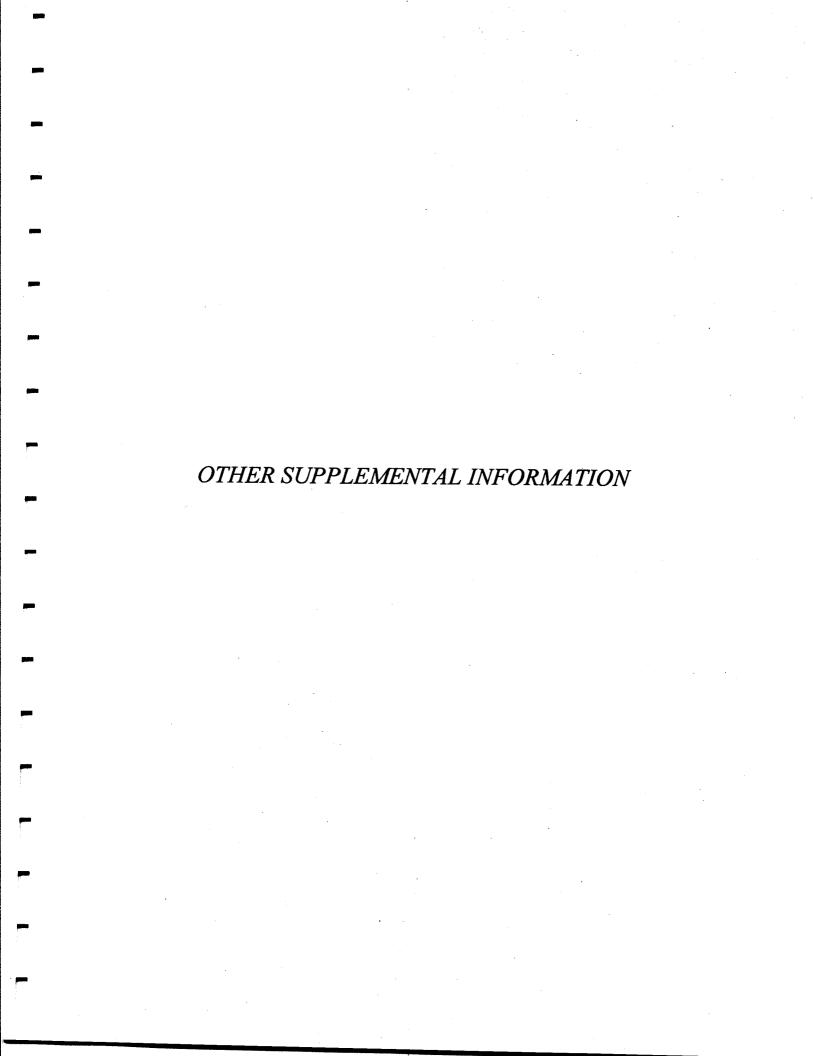
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

## Grant Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2005

	ı	Original <u>Budget</u>		Amended Budget	<u>Actual</u>	]	Variance with Final Budget Favorable Unfavorable)
BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$	310,656	\$	310,656	\$ 310,656	\$	0
Resources (inflows)							
Property Tax		353,212		353,212	66,132		(287,080)
State Grants		248,839		248,839	241,506		(7,333)
Charges for Services		14,000		14,000	26,658		12,658
Interest and Rents		4,000		4,000	5,482		1,482
Other Revenue		9,100		9,100	6,105		(2,995)
Amounts Available for Appropriation		939,807		939,807	656,539		(283,268)
Charges to Appropriations (outflows)							
General Government							
Township board		57,064		57,064	37,200		19,864
Supervisor		19,980		19,980	14,565		5,415
Elections		2,800		2,800	3,671		(871)
Assessor		13,000		13,000	13,840		(840)
Clerk		20,180		20,180	17,506		2,674
Board of review		2,642		2,642	2,142		500
Treasurer		33,780		33,780	25,597		8,183
Townhall		23,600		23,600	16,167		7,433
Cemetery		19,600		19,600	18,331		1,269
Public Safety							
Fire protection		62,000		62,000	33,601		28,399
Police protection		50,000		50,000	30,988		•
Planning and zoning		43,350		43,350	35,341		19,012
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Public Works							•
Drains- Public Benefit		5,000		5,000	0		5,000
Other Functions							
Insurance and bonds		15,000		15,000	11,785		2 215
Retirement contributions		12,000		12,000			3,215
Social security/ medicare tax		10,000		•	4,506		7,494
Sooid seedity/ medicale tax		10,000		10,000	2,517		7,483
Transfer to Street Improvement Fund		300,000	<u>. ,.</u>	300,000	 133,400		166,600
Total Charges to Appropriations	-	689,996		689,996	 401,157		288,839
Budgetary Fund Balance - March 31, 2005	\$	249,811	\$	249,811	\$ 255,382	\$	5,571

#### Grant Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Budgetary Comparison Schedule Street Improvement Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2005

	Original Budget	Amended Budget		<u>Act</u>	Actual		rriance with nal Budget Favorable nfavorable)
BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$ 146,307	\$	146,307	\$ 146	5,307	\$	0
Resources (inflows) Property Tax	170,846		170 046	1.45	7.002		(20.040)
Interest and Rents	,		170,846	147	7,903		(22,943)
	1,000		1,000		139		(861)
Other Revenue							
Transfer from General Fund	 300,000		300,000	133	,400		(166,600)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	618,153		618,153	427	,749		(190,404)
Charges to Appropriations (outflows) Public Works			•				
Highways and Streets	 500,000		500,000	245	,795		254,205
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE - March 31, 2005	\$ 118,153	\$	118,153	\$ 181	,954	\$	63,801



#### Grant Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Combining Balance Sheet Non-Major Governmental Funds March 31, 2005

		ire und	Fir	e Equipment <u>Fund</u>	<u> Fotals</u>
ASSETS					
Due from County	\$	0	\$	3,412	\$ 3,412
Taxes Receivable		20		694	714
Due from Current Tax Fund		38		71	109
Total assets	\$	58	\$	4,177	\$ 4,235
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Due to Fire District	<u> </u>	58	\$	4,177	\$ 4,235

# Grant Township — Newaygo County, Michigan Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Non-Major Governmental Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2005

	Fire Fund	Fire E	Fire Equipment <u>Fund</u>	Totals
REVENUES Current Property Tax	€9	· \$	25,442 \$	25,442
EXPENDITURES Public safety		0	25,442	25,442
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES				
FUND BALANCE - April 1, 2004 FUND BALANCE - March 31, 2005	<del>⇔</del>	0 0	\$ 0	0

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August 12, 2005

Members of the Grant Township Board Grant Township Newaygo County, MI

We recently completed our audit of the basic financial statements of Grant Township for the year ended March 31, 2005. During our audit, we had an opportunity to test internal controls and to observe the accounting and financial procedures and many of the general management practices of the Grant Township. Based upon these tests and observations, there are several matters that we specifically want to call to your attention.

#### TAX ACCOUNT BALANCE

As with last years' audit, the Treasurer still has not made payment of the Industrial Facilities Tax to the State of Michigan for the current year as well as for tax years 2001 through 2003. This is a significant amount and should be remitted as soon as possible.

The tax fund bank accounts should start each tax season with a minimum balance of perhaps \$100. It is important that the Treasurer get the tax dollars out of the bank accounts and distribute them to the proper taxing unit.

#### RECEIPTS ARE SOURCE DOCUMENT FOR CLERK

It is important that the Treasurer prepare a receipt each time money is received by the Township and also indicate a clear description of the receipt. The Clerk must receive a copy of these receipts in a timely manner so that she may enter them into her financial records. The "receipt" is the original source document that she must use to enter into her financial records. Without a receipt, she cannot properly enter the receipts. There were times during the year (especially during the Treasurer's tax collection season) when the Clerk had to enter receipts based on "deposits" shown on the bank statement. The deposit on a bank statement does not provide the proper information the Clerk needs to enter the data. The Treasurer must take the necessary time to prepare the "receipts" and make certain the Clerk receives them in a timely manner.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

We have enjoyed working with your staff. Their competence and assistance were instrumental in our timely completion of the audit.

We have submitted two copies of the audit report, the auditing procedures report, and this letter to the Michigan Department of Treasury, Local Audit Division.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the audit, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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